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HBPD will be making some adjustments to the way we serve the community as to limit exposure to our already small staff of dispatchers and police officers.

Our belief is that good practices adopted early by local government and the public will ensure less strain on our public health institutions and first responders.

These adjustments are intended to limit unnecessary risk; you will see no difference in our professionalism or the high standards of the organization.

If we can accomplish requests or calls for service over the phone or in an email rather than in person, we would like to begin these practices now.

In the event you have a serious or life-threatening emergency we will respond, additionally you will see no difference in our proactive patrols and criminal deterrence practices.

We will also be suspending any fingerprint services not vital for the next 60 days and we will begin a process of accepting burn permit requests over the phone.

We are only attempting to limit contact with staff who already have a high frequency of person to person interaction, this practice will ensure the men and women of this organization are here when they are truly needed should this event be prolonged.

Thank you for your understanding.

Respectfully,

Heath Scott
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